

Community Calendar <http://www.ngaio.school.nz/welcome>

ADVISING AN ABSENCE

Please ensure the office is informed of your child's absence before 9.00am either by leaving a voice message on the phone or by emailing absences@ngaio.school.nz

Name, room number and reason for absence is required please.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 23 July	Tui to Carter Observatory
Tuesday 23 July	Year 4 Swimming Sports - Keith Spry Pool
Friday 26 July, 9:00am - 10:30am	Whakatau - welcome to new families
Tuesday 30 July	3-Way Conferences
Wednesday 31 July	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports - Keith Spry Pool
Wednesday 31 July, 7:00pm	BOT meeting - TBC
Thursday 1 August	3-Way Conferences
Friday 2 August, 9:30am - 10:30am	Whakarite Whakairo - welcoming our new carving
Friday 9 August, 2:00pm	Amanda's Poroporoaki - farewell
Friday 16 August, 8:00am	PTA - New Parents Breakfast
Friday 30 August	MID TERM HOLIDAY (Teacher Only Day)
Saturday 21 September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival
Monday - Friday 23-27 September	School Photos

Dear Parents & Caregivers



Thank you for all your support of the school this term. You've contributed in so many ways, helping on trips, volunteering your time in classrooms or The Clinic, attending events or sitting on committees. Our school is all the better for the time you give so generously. This term has been a busy one with the board election, audit and 10 Year Property Plan all now behind us. The 10YPP is always a complex task but we have some good work ahead of us as a result. Some things our first small drop of money (5 year allocation) will enable us to start planning for, are some upgrade work on the junior block, flooring

replacements in some other rooms, flood repairs at the Colway St entrance and structural repairs to the retaining wall next to the main path.

We've been badly hit with staff sickness this term, which is quite early considering we have another winter term to go. At times it has been a real struggle to find relieving teachers, but thanks to Kirsten's energy and diligence in organising relievers, we have in the main managed well. Hopefully your children will have the chance to rest up and build their winter resilience for the coming term so we can keep the bugs away next term.

You will no doubt be aware that the teachers have settled their collective contract, so I feel very relieved they can now focus on all the good things about teaching after more than 18 months of negotiations. It is of course a relief not to be planning more strike action. I'm expecting more details regarding the settlement in due course as things like the extra Teacher Only Days which will have an impact in some way. Sadly the principals are not in the same position and the union, NZEI, are planning what happens next. I'll keep you posted about anything that will directly impact the school.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Harriet Quin at the end of this week. Harriet has enjoyed a good start to her teaching career here at Ngaio School and we're going to miss her. I especially appreciate Harriet's work with our environment - her energy and passion about the environment and sustainability. We wish Harriet all the very best in her travels and are looking forward to hearing about her adventures overseas.

We're pleased to be welcoming Robyn Redhill and Korrie Hodes onto the teaching staff in term 3. They'll be sharing the position left vacant by Harriet - Korrie will work on Mondays and Robyn, Tuesday to Friday. Korrie and Robyn are both very experienced teachers who have already worked in Tui syndicate, so we are very happy with this interim arrangement



Harriet was farewelled on Wednesday in an assembly hosted by Harakeke. She was presented with a Korowai made by Tui students. The assembly included drama items, songs and dance. We will miss Harriet!



Regional Cross Country Success

On the 2nd of July a few students from Harakeke (year 6 class) ran in the regional cross country which was held at Queen Elizabeth Park. The top 10 place getters go through to the inter-regional cross country which is in Hanmer Springs.

Tom Hughson came 9th, Sam Wiltshire came 20th, and Zara Davey came 31st.

The track was quite short but had a lot of potholes so you could easily sprain an ankle!

By Sam and Tom



40 Hour Famine Update

This year, the 40 Hour Famine continued to support the children of South Sudan seeking refuge in Uganda, by providing essentials like food and clean water as well as emotional and educational support.

This year, Year 3-6 participated in the 40 Hour Famine. Our wonderful Year 5 Leaders organised some 'Ngaio' challenges; including no plastic, the backpack challenge and no furniture. It was wonderful to see the interesting challenges they set for themselves with their peers.

The event itself took place on the weekend of the 7-9th of June. We now have the fundraising total for Ngaio School and the children have managed to raise **\$5,967.80**. Congratulations - what a phenomenal effort from you all!

News from the PTA

We are grateful for the help of many parents and caregivers in Term 2 – those who cooked and served on Cross Country day, who bought tickets in our Mothers' Day raffle, ordered books through the Scholastic Book Club and distributed orders, provided delicious items for Wednesday's staff appreciation morning tea, hosted new families for breakfast, welcomed new families at the Whakatau, attended our talk on reading, helped on school trips and much much more.

We have spent over \$500 on board games and cards for wet lunchtime play and \$1,500 on sports equipment for the new Sport Start PE curriculum.

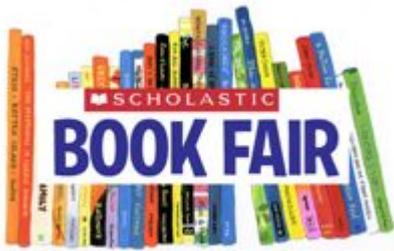
REMINDER - Plastic Free July orders close tonight!

Thank you, generous sponsors of our piano. 73 of the 88 keys have been donated. We are so close to our target. The money raised will allow us to purchase this piano and establish a small fund for tuning and maintenance. *Can you help?*

Simply fill out the form and pay \$25 per key. You are welcome to adopt more than one key and to share this with businesses, grandparents, and music lovers in the wider community. <https://forms.gle/voNEMJL4S1VM2amB8>



**Save the Date – Ngaio School Scholastic Book Fair with community
event on Sunday 25 August**



In conjunction with Ngaio School Book Week (Mon 19 – Fri 23 August) the PTA are holding a Scholastic Book Fair. We have committed funding of \$5,000 worth of library books annually. Reading for pleasure, inside and outside of school, has real and long-lasting benefits. Maintaining a steady supply of new release fiction and non-fiction and keeping books in good condition helps entices children to read.

All students will browse through the book fair during school hours. Families will also be able to visit the book shop during the week.

On Sunday 25 August 11am – 4pm we welcome everyone, including the wider community of book lovers to our book fair.

Look out for further details at the beginning of Term 3. The fair proceeds will ensure we can continue to fund books in 2020.

We will need volunteers to make this happen!

Community Notices

Ngaio Cubs currently have space, if your child is keen and between the age of 8-11 and would like to come along, please let us know. We have a four week 'try before you buy' period and welcome you along.

Every year we help 16,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

email - ngaio@group.scouts.nz



NZ Book Awards for Children & Young Adults

With school holidays coming up fast, we'd like to offer the perfect way to help keep kids entertained – and become actively involved in reading, writing and illustrating – our brand-new NZCYA [printable activity booklet](#).

This booklet is packed full of fun (and educational) activities related to the finalist books in the [2019 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults](#).



Bonjour ! Bonjour !

Join our French class at Ngaio school in Term 3!

- **For children Year 2 to Year 6 (beginners and advanced)**
- **every Thursday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm**
- **at your school**
- **from Thursday 25 July to Thursday 26 September**
- **Price: \$150 for 10 weeks**
- **run by our team of native qualified French teachers**

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 1272.